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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Application of Kiawah Island Utility, Incorporated to File Proposed Changes in Rates, Charges, Classifications and/or Regulations for Water and Sewer Service  
**Docket No. 2021-324-WS**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as the response of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to the Proposed Scheduled Dates, Including Bill Insert to Customers ("Proposed Schedule") filed by the Clerk's Office of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") in the above-referenced docket on October 13, 2021. The Proposed Schedule is based on Kiawah Island Utility, Incorporated's ("KIU") Application for an Adjustment of Rates and Charges being filed by November 11, 2021. However, KIU indicated in its response to the Proposed Schedule filed with the Commission on October 21, 2021 that it has not made a final decision regarding when it will file its Application. KIU further indicated that when a decision is made it will provide advance notice so the Commission can begin its planning process.

ORS respectfully requests that the Commission not finalize a procedural schedule until the filing date for the Application is known so as to not shorten the review and audit period for ORS and intervenors between the Application filing date and the evidentiary merits hearing on the Application. ORS supports KIU's request to hold the Proposed Schedule in abeyance until KIU notifies the Commission in advance of the date it plans to file the Application. Furthermore, ORS traditionally has sought to reach agreement on proposed procedural schedules with utilities in past rate proceedings. ORS respectfully requests an opportunity to attempt to reach an agreement with KIU and the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs on a procedural schedule to propose to the Commission once the filing date for the Application is known.

Should the Commission determine to proceed with setting a procedural schedule, ORS requests that the timeframe between Applicant Direct Testimony and Other Parties of Record Direct Testimony be increased from the two weeks in the Proposed Schedule to a minimum of four weeks. ORS requests this be accomplished through a means other than shortening the Rebuttal and Surrebuttal timeframes. ORS also requests the timeframe between Rebuttal and Surrebuttal be increased to two weeks to match the time provided between Other Parties of Record Direct Testimony and Applicant Rebuttal.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter and for the opportunity to respond to the Proposed Schedule.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Huber", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Christopher M. Huber

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)  
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